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Later this month the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) should release its FY08 grant allocations. The San Francisco Chronicle calls it "an annual high-stakes competition for federal anti-terrorism funds". Last year was the quintessential "good news-bad news" situation for California, with the state receiving nearly \$11 million dollars more in FY07 funding overall compared to the previous year, yet seeing notable decreases in allocations for the Los Angeles and Sacramento urban areas.

Together, we have worked diligently over the past year to try to ensure the upcoming funding will only be "good news." While we can't promise that, much has been done to improve our situation in California. It is important to acknowledge and thank all of our Urban Areas for working so closely with us and each other this year to submit well coordinated grant applications that make a solid case for our significant funding needs. Our applications were better than ever and the hard work of so many is greatly appreciated.

The Governor, his staff and the Office of Homeland Security have worked extensively in Washington, D.C. to make sure California receives its fair share of the various grant programs to be announced for FY 08 and beyond. We have spent countless hours with members of the California delegation and Congressional leaders in a coordinated effort to make sure federal homeland security programs are funded and distributed properly and equitably.

As we look past the FY 08 funding awards to be announced this month, there are a number of issues we will continue to press. In this limited space, I want to emphasize a few. There are still grant programs that we believe could be allocated on a more equitable, risk and need basis and that should be changed. Line-item funding for the law enforcement

grants (LETPP) needs to be restored, as well as appropriations for the vital Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne and others). Moreover, given the ever changing grant rules, new planning requirements (and existing needs) and recognizing the importance of fiscal accountability, management and administration funding must be restored and set at adequate levels (no less than 5%) for state and local governments.

There should also be greater flexibility in the grant programs and a continuing need to streamline and consolidate federal processes and requirements.

Along with these efforts, we continue to work to reinstate Fresno to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Fresno and the greater Central Valley is our fastest growing region and the center of California's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry. The Central Valley hosts vital transportation routes, critical water conveyances and vital infrastructure. The region's risks and needs are obvious and we will continue to seek federal recognition of the

importance of the Central Valley and Fresno by restoring eligibility for UASI funding.

This year, we are pleased that the Riverside, Ontario, and San Bernardino area was added to the eligible UASI list. Thanks to the leaders there and the great cooperation among the region's existing UASI partners, the newly-created Riverside area was able to get up to speed quickly and submitted what should be a very competitive grant application. It was a job well done by all.

It has already been an action packed and busy year for us all. I know many of you share my disbelief that half of 2008 is already gone! Great things are happening everyday to make California safer and better prepared. Let's hope our federal partners recognize our needs and outstanding work in their grant allocations later this month.

Happy Independence Day wishes to each of you and your families.





2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Acts Seek to Restore Prior Funding Levels

On June 11, 2008, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security revised the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. The bill is scheduled for full House Appropriations Committee review on June 24, 2008.

The House Subcommittee rejected the President's proposal to cut state and local homeland security grant programs that help improve the training and readiness of the nation's first responders. The House version, which largely restores FY 2008 funding levels for homeland security grant programs, and in some cases increases these levels, provides a discretionary total of \$39.9 billion- \$2.3 billion over the President's Budget request- or an increase of \$2.2 billion above FY 2008 levels.

- \$950 million for State Homeland Security grants, the same as last year;
- \$850 million for Urban Area Security Initiative grants, \$30 million above last year;
- \$400 million for Transit Security Grants, the same as last year;
- \$800 million for Firefighter Assistance Grants, \$50 million more than last year;
- \$315 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, \$15 million more than last year; and
- \$400 million for port security grants, the same as last year.

The House version also restores the following programs, which were cut in the President's proposed budget:

- \$50 million for the Metropolitan Medical Response System;
- \$50 million for REAL ID grants;
- \$50 million for Interoperable Communications Grants;
- \$35 million for Emergency Operations Centers; and
- \$60 million for Operation Stonegarden.

On June 19, 2008, the Senate Appropriation Committee approved its version of the FY 2009 Appropriations Act. The bill invests \$41.3 billion in measures for high-security projects and includes an increase of nearly \$2.5 billion above the President's budget request, or an increase of \$2.6 billion above FY 2008 funding levels (see above).

As in the House, the Senate rejected the President's proposal to reduce funding for state and local homeland security grants and instead provides an increase of \$1.88 billion over the President's Budget request. The Senate version would restore the following programs to FY 2008 levels: the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants; Rail and Transit Security Grants; Port Security Grants; Interoperable Communications; Firefighter Assistance Grants, including SAFER hiring grants; and Emergency Management Performance Grants.

The Senate bill would also:

- Provide \$4.277 billion for the Transportation Security Administration- \$211.1 million above the budget request- for critical transportation security initiatives;
- Fund a total of \$971.3 million for activities and requirements as authorized by the 9/11 Act- \$250.4 million above the budget request and approximately \$30 million above the enacted level; and
- Recommend \$10 million for six international programs, as authorized by the 9/11 Act, related to the Border Community Interoperable Communications Demonstration Projects.

Overall, funding levels for state and local homeland security grants will be near levels from FY 2008 and will allow state and local partners to continue the efforts to make the nation safer from disasters and attacks.

Securing California's Schools

OHS is working in partnership with numerous other State agencies to enhance school safety. OHS has worked hard to gather feedback from school safety stakeholders and identify gaps in current State policy, as it relates to school safety. Through partnerships with several schools, county offices of education, and regional committees, OHS is moving forward, proposing solutions that will help empower California's schools to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Current Initiatives include the creation of a Statewide School Safety Taskforce consisting of school safety stakeholders across

the State. This taskforce will be establishing pragmatic solutions to school safety challenges based on the recommendations from a number of perspectives, including representatives from law enforcement, local school officials, State and federal agencies and non-profit organizations.

One of the initial tasks of the working group will be to organize two regional school safety symposiums, one held in Northern California and one in Southern California to bring together local school safety officials to exchange best practices and enhance training. The Taskforce will hold its first meeting in early August.

For more information, please contact Mark Weber
(mark.weber@ohs.ca.gov).

OHS Announces San Francisco Bay Area receiving \$21 Million for Mass Transit Security

OHS Director Matthew Bettenhausen announced, on June 12, 2008, that 14 San Francisco Bay Area transit agencies will receive approximately twenty one million dollars to improve mass transit security. The funds come from voter-approved Prop 1B, a measure

which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger strongly advocated to improve the state's infrastructure, security, and public safety.

"The threat to transit systems is a fundamental challenge and is one of the reasons the Governor, working with the Legislature, added security funding into the bond measure," Bettenhausen said. "The Governor has always said public safety is his top priority. I'm proud to deliver this funding to the various San Francisco area transit agencies and districts which shows the Governor and OHS are moving quickly to protect California's mass transit systems."

One billion of the nearly 20 billion dollars approved will be allocated the next few years to enhance security and safety in mass transit systems and the state's ports. California voters approved

Proposition 1B in November of 2006, which enacted the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. \$60 million was appropriated in

the current budget for mass transit security.

"The Governor and the Legislature understood the threat and the need," said Bettenhausen. "These funds will not only Bay Area transit agencies with the challenges of keeping area residents safe, they will also help protect our investment in the infrastructure needed to keep our economy strong."

Transit officials said they will use the money for a variety of projects, including advanced lighting, fencing, and camera technology as well as tunnel intrusion detection systems and

other communication technology to help both passengers and transit agency security personnel. The upgrades will allow transit agencies to enhance security, help reduce crime, and provide a safer experience for customers.



Director Bettenhausen presents \$21 million to Bay Area Transit Agencies to improve security.

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	\$7,070,567	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	\$ 116,919
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	\$5,374,704	Western Contra Costa Transit Authority	\$ 56,772
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	\$3,289,948	Sonoma County Transit	\$ 31,815
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)	\$2,148,388	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	\$ 26,768
San Mateo County Transit District	\$1,106,406	City of Santa Rosa	\$ 25,113
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	\$ 939,246	City of Fairfield	\$ 12,078
Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District	\$ 802,488	Napa County Transportation	\$ 7,100
TOTAL		\$ 21,008,312	

Golden Guardian Mock Newscast Honored with Silver Telly

When disaster strikes, we learn about it by turning on television and radio. When mock emergencies strike, first responders turn to CANN (California News Network).

CANN is a mock news network that only exists during the Golden Guardian (GG07) Full Scale Exercise each November. Pre-produced news packages use real professional news anchors and donated TV news studios to create a sense of realism that moves the action of the exercise forward, so players in Sacramento and San Diego can play in real time. Servers at Caltrans house

the newscasts and stream them live to hundreds of players tuning in.

The contract producer for the GG07 exercise, Peppers TV, submitted the video to the prestigious Telly's, which honors the best in advertising and public relations production. According to the Telly's, only one in 10,000 entries makes the grade. Golden Guardian 2007 won in the category of Best Educational Video.

Congratulations to Peppers TV and OHS Public Affairs Exercise Manager Mike Sicilia, who supervised production of the newscast.

See it for yourself at <http://dot.ca.gov/homeland>.



Funding announced for Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS) Program

On June 6, 2008, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) announced the funding awards for the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS) Program. On December 28, 2007 Governor Schwarzenegger announced he was making available \$2 million from the State's share of federal homeland security funds for the purchase of emergency telephone notification systems. In less than five months the Governor's Office was able to work with counties to ensure a quick turnaround to begin implementing this vital service.

The TENS program will provide \$2 million in FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for telephone emergency notification systems for those California counties currently without this capability.



Gov. Schwarzenegger announces TENS Award for 17 California Counties.

Telephone Emergency Notification Systems are a proven technology to call, text and email persons in a given geographical area with life saving emergency information. They have been designed for and used successfully in many disasters such as fires, floods, and earthquakes, as well as human caused emergencies. TENS can be used across the state, within mountain ranges or to just a stadium or school's area. "This program will expand California's emergency notification system statewide," stated Matthew Bettenhausen, Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. "As we learned during the wildfires last year, it is important to use every tool at our

disposal to ensure the safety of all Californians."

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services encourages local public safety agencies to use these notification systems to increase their effectiveness during an emergency. "Local agencies are on the front line of providing immediate public safety messages and using the latest technology to expedite the dissemination of information can save lives," said Henry Renteria, Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.



County	TENS Award
Alpine	\$ 16,060
Colusa	\$ 70,000
Del Norte	\$ 50,000
Humboldt	\$107,025
Imperial	\$206,171
Kern	\$186,298
Kings	\$128,232
Mendocino	\$117,512
Modoc	\$ 34,562
Monterey	\$186,297
Plumas	\$147,320
San Benito	\$ 92,240
San Joaquin	\$169,706
Siskiyou	\$ 60,280
Tehama	\$120,000
Trinity	\$122,000
Tulare	\$186,297
Total	\$2,000,000

Golden Guardian 2008 Planning Schedule

July 8/9, 2008	Joint Information Center training (site)	September 4, 2008	Statewide GG08 Functional
July 23/23, 2008	Joint Information Center training (San	September 25, 2008	Inland Region Final Planning
August 6/7, 2008	Joint Information Center training	October 7, 2008	Southern Region Final Planning
August 20/21, 2008	Joint Information Center training (site)	TBD	Coastal Region Final Planning
August 21, 2008	State Agency Final Planning	November 6, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Functional
August 27, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Tabletop Exercise	November 13/14, 2008	GG08 Response Exercise
September 3, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Final Planning Conference	November 17/18, 2008	GG08 Recovery Exercise

2008 Governor's Office of Homeland Security Annual Conference

Mild temperatures, sunshine and three days of world-renowned speakers, information and training welcomed hundreds of stakeholders to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security Annual Conference in Palm Desert. In contrast to the previous year where separate conferences were held in Northern and Southern California, this combined event packed everything under one roof. More than 600 attendees from across the state and nation took part along with dozens of vendors with displays and booths in an adjoining conference hall.

The OHS Conference began with U.S. Representative Mary Bono Mack (R) welcoming conference-goers to the Palm Springs area. Representative Bono Mack thanked everyone for their work and dedication to protecting California and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the conference grounds and nearby desert.

Director Matthew Bettenhausen gave attendees an overview of

eminent book on the history of Al-Qaeda. Wright, who also is on staff as a reporter for The New Yorker Magazine, outlined his views of the terror group and where it's headed. Wright reminded the audience of the numbers of dead and the hundreds blinded by flying glass after the Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, "many of which were fellow Muslims." Bin Laden must be put on trial in front of the families and friends of the victims, which Wright asserts, would do far more to hurt the terrorist cause and help the modern world than giving Bin Laden the death penalty.

Besides the captivating speakers, the OHS Annual Conference offered numerous training classes and seminars in virtually every aspect of homeland security and related matters. Bomb experts,



the past years' work by the California Governor's Office of Homeland Security. While noting the great strides made by the various divisions and cooperative efforts among local, state, federal, international, and private sector partners, the Director challenged the audience to not rest on the laurels but to continue striving to improve all aspects of preparedness and prevention.

Other principal speakers included Erroll Southers, Chief and Homeland Security specialist for Los Angeles World Airport Police. Southers is a former OHS Deputy Director and also an Associate Director of the USC Homeland Security Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE). His presentation on the world of terrorism engaged and enlightened the large, enthusiastic crowd.

Keynote speaker was Pulitzer Prize-winner and author of *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9-11*, Lawrence Wright. The New York Times best seller is considered by many the pre-

those who can explain and unravel the complicated world of grants, the importance of crisis communications during a man-made or natural disaster, all of these and more were offered over the course of the three-day event to satisfy the needs of an ever expanding and evolving first responder, law enforcement, and homeland security community.

We look forward to your comments on how to improve the event so next year's OHS Annual Conference can become even bigger and better!

Above left to right: Director Bettenhausen gives opening remarks; OHS annual conference plenary session; keynote speaker Lawrence Wright signs his book for a conference attendee. Below left to right: Chief Deputy Director Winuk briefs on OHS initiatives; Chief Erroll Southers speaks on social networking and terrorism; Director Bettenhausen tours exhibit hall.



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2008 BSIR/Financial Management Workshops

* All Training 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

* **ALL** reservations should be made through Christopher Sampang
at 916-324-9313 or Christopher.Sampang@ohs.ca.gov

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Santa Ana

Santa Ana Police Department
60 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92702
Contact: Henry Esparza
714-245-8729

Thursday, July 3, 2008

Sacramento

USC State Capitol Center
1800 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: John Wesley
916-442-6911 ext. 16

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Clovis

Clovis Fire/Police Headquarters
1233 Fifth Street
Clovis, CA 93612
Contact: Chad Fitzgerald
559-324-2218

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

Glendale

Glendale Police Department
131 N. Isabel
Glendale, CA 91206
Contact: Liza Engalla
818-548-2737

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Redding

Shasta County OES
2425 Breslauer Way
Redding, CA 96001
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530-245-6059

Friday, July 11, 2008

Dublin

Alameda County OES
4985 Broder Blvd.
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OHS Professional Profile: Elaine Jennings, Deputy Director Special Projects



Elaine Jennings joined the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) in September of 2006 and currently serves as Deputy Director of Special Projects. In this role, Elaine manages a wide

variety of projects including the development of a Preventive Radiological/Nuclear Detection program, the Annual Homeland Security Conference, the CBRNE preparedness program, and press and communications for high profile events, including the Statewide Golden Guardian exercise.

Prior to her appointment at OHS, Elaine was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as Press Secretary, where she was responsible for conceiving, implementing and maintaining a comprehensive media communication

strategy for the \$7.5 billion agency and managed national media during three executions. Elaine was first appointed to the Governor's advance team and served as his Director of Press Advance, responsible for negotiating and executing all Governor's public and private events and media appearances after serving in the press office during the 2003 re-election campaign.

Elaine came to Sacramento with extensive experience in the areas of communications, local and federal government, and public safety, including as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor of San Diego. She also served as consultant to the chair of Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee for the City of San Diego, Executive Director of LEAD San Diego, Inc., and Senior Intern for the US Department of State in the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Elaine received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science with an emphasis in international relations from California State University, Northridge and attended the Graduate School of International Relations at the University of Denver to study National Security and Nuclear Non-Proliferation.

